Commission on Sustainability Transportation Group Meeting Report

Date: July 29, 2008

Subject: Transportation Workgroup Meeting #3

In Attendance:

Mark R. Brown
Patrick McMahon
Chris Merriam
Krin Smith
Anna Ricklin
Calvin Peete
Gary Letteron

Discussion: Discussion focused on revising and consolidating existing goals and drafting indicators. Specific language of the goals was addressed, and some goals were eliminated outright.

Topics addressed:

Revised Goals:

- To reduce automobile dependence by making other, more sustainable modes of transportation feasible
- To secure innovative, sustainable, and expanded transportation funding sources
- To significantly improve safety, security, intermodal connectivity, and overall user experience of public transit and other alternative transportation options
- To promote mixed-use, dense, pedestrian-friendly, and transit-oriented communities
- To provide a just distribution of environmentally sound transportation resources to all users
- To develop a effective public education and communication campaign to improve understanding and use of sustainable transportation modes
- To integrate land use and transportation planning among city, regional, state, and federal entities

Strategies:

- Kara Hubbard (Office of Sustainability Mayoral Fellow) grouped many of the comments to date by goal and Mark & I will work to continue to group input by goal and print those out for the Aug. 21st meeting
- Each goal will have a table at the Aug. 21st by goal, with attendees rotating between Goal tables (maybe 10-15 min. at each station) where they can review the ideas, add missing pieces, and recommend priorities
- Tables for each goal will be staffed by Transportation Working Group members, the following have already volunteered for a specific table: *Funding (Mark Brown)*,

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Indicators Suggested:

- Population & employment density around transit stops (1/2 mi. around rail stops)
- % of population within ½ mile access of (quality of) transit
- # of bicycles on bus racks and at rail stations
- Amount of TOD development (residential units, office space, & retail created)
- Demographics of bicyclists
- Infrastructure measures

To Do:

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- Kids on the Hill to draft posters for next community conversation
- Workgroup members will prepare background information to discuss their specific goal for the August 21st Community Conversation

Upcoming Events:

 August 21st, New Orleans Branch Library, 5:45pm – Transportation Group Community Conversation #3